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ON MARCH 23 AND 24, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD,
WHO IS AN ARGENTINE ARMY COLONEL, CONNECTED WITH THE
MILITARY ARMS FACTORY, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:
DURING THE EVENENG OF MARCH 23, 1976, THE ARGENTINE CORRUPT AND FLOUNDERING ARMED FORCES MOVED TO END THE GOVERNMENT OF MARIA ESTELA
MARTINEZ DE PERON. THROUGHOUT THE EVENINGOF MARCH 23RD and
THE MORNING OF MARCH 24, 1976, ARGENTINE MILITARY UNITS MOVED
INTO PREARRANGED POSITIONS AND TOOK OVER EXECUTIVE CONTROL
OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. VERY LETTERE RESISTANCE TO THE ARMED
FORCES' MOVE WAS ENCOUNTERED AND VIOLENCE WAS HELD TO AN
ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.
ON MARCH 23 AND MARCH 24, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE
ABROAD, WHO IS A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
THE MORNING OF MARCH 24, 1976, FOUND BUENOS AIRES AND
THE MORE IMPORTANT CITIES OF ROSARIO AND CORDOBA UNDER COMPLETE
MILITARY CONTROL AFTER THE MILITARY CONVENTION WHICH COMMENCED
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DURING THE EVENING OF MARCH 23, 1976. ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES

CARRIED OUT THE INTERVENTION WITH A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF RESISTANCE AND ARE INVESTED CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS WANTED FOR ECONOMIC CRIMES AND MALFEASANCE OF OFFICE HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BY THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES. HOWEVER, TWO OF THE MOST SOUGHT INDIVIDUALS MANAGED TO ESCAPE DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH 24, 1976. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE LORENZO MIGUEL, LEADER OF THE 62 ORGANIZATIONS, A POWERFUL LABOR CONFEDERATION, AND FORMER PRESIDENT HECTOR J. CAMPORA. PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON HAS BEEN TAKEN TO AN ARGENTINE IN SOUTHER ARGENTINA, MILITARY INSTALLATION NEAR NECOCIEN WHERE SHE IS BEING HELD UNDER CLOSE GUARD. WHEN ARGENTINE MILITARY PERSONNEL DETAINED MRS. PERON, SHE DREW A PISTOL FROM HER PERSON; HOWEVER, SHE WAS QUICKLY DISARMED BEFORE SHE COULD BET THE WEAPON TO USE.

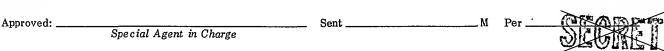
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ARGENTINE MILITARY ARMS FACTORY. SECOND SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO
VALIN, CHIEF, ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

REMYCABS MARCH 23, 1976, INDICATING ARGENTINE MILITARY CONCERN

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THAT PRESIDENT PERON MIGHT ATTEMPT SUICIDE UTILIZING A PISTOL.

SHE CARRIED ON HER PERON, AND MARCH 20, 1976, REPORTING THAT

THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WOULD INSTITUTE A COUP D'ETAT ON MARCH

23, 1976.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ARGENTINE MILITARY FORCES HAVE CLOSED OFF THE STREET ON WHICH THE U.S. EMBASSY IS LOCATED IN BUENOS AIRES, AS WELL AS ACCESS STREETS TO ALL OTHER DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN BUENOS AIRES, IN ORDER TO PREVENT NDIVIDUALS BEING SOUGHT BY THE MILITARY FROM TAKING ASYLUM.

IN THE VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. ALL INTERNATIONAL AND COMESTIC FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BY THE MILITARY.

LEGAT PERSONNEL ARE CONTINUING TO TAKE NECESSARY SECURITY MEASURES.

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3/24/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERREN

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

On 3/24/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service provided the following information: (U)

The military intervention against the Perchist Government was effectively carried out without serious opposition during the evening of 3/23/76 and the morning of 3/24/76. Numerous individuals wanted for economic crimes and malfeasance of office by the military have been picked up and are being transferred to military installations throughout the country. Two of the individuals who had been urgently sought semence managed to escape during the morning of 3/24/76. These individuals are Lorenzo Higuel of the 62 Organizations and former President Hector J. Campora (II)

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THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, a.i.

LEGAL ATTACHE BOBERT W. SCHEREER

JORGE ANTONIO

On 3/24/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information:

On 3/23/76, on the eve of the military intervention, Admiral Emilio Massera met with Jorge Antonio for lunch. Several other prominent active duty military personnel have called on Antonio at his son's residence since his return to Argentina on 3/20/76.

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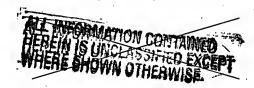
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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

On 3/24/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) advised as follows: (S) $\langle \mathbb{U} \rangle$

Argentine Army personnel went to the residence of retired Argentine Army Major Alberdi, who is also known as "Barbosa", during the evening of 3/23/76 to arrest him in connection with the military intervention. Alberdi had been identified by the SIE as a collaborator with the ERP. Before Army personnel could take custody of Alberdi, he committed suicide.



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A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE	
SERVICE (AAIS), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:	
INTELLIGENCE RECENTLY ACQUIRED BY THE AAIS ESTABLISHED	
THAT MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, THE LEADER OF THE ARGENTINE	
GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP),	
RECENTLY FORWARDED A MESSAGE TO CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO	
REQUESTING THAT 2,500 CUBAN TROOPS BE SENT TO ARGENTINA TO ASSIST	
THE ERP IN CARRYING OUT GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD	
EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE DOWNFALL OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.	
SANTUCHO'S REQUEST WAS DENIED BY FIDEL CASTRO. THIS INTELLIGENCE) -{U}
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